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In re the Application of:

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For: IMPLANT FOR VERTEBRAL REPLACEMENT AND RESTORATION OF THE NORMAL SPINAL CURVATURE

REQUEST FOR STATUS

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

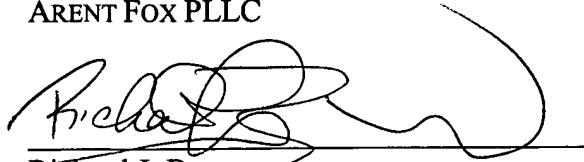
The undersigned attorney respectfully requests the status of the above-identified application.

The application was filed on October 30, 2003 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and to date, no Office Action has been received.

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